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In re Application of)
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 Dean et al.) Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.
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 Serial No. 09/514,113) Art Unit: 1634
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 Filed: February 28, 2000) Confirmation No.: 9257
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 For: Method For Reducing Artifacts)
 In Nucleic Acid Amplification)
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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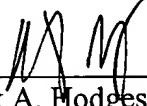
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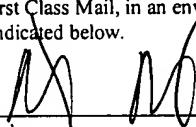


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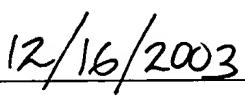
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